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# DAREDEVIL®

THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!

WHO IS THE MYSTERIOUS  
MASKED VILLAIN THEY CALL—  
**THE MASTER?**  
DD FINDS OUT IN THIS GREAT ISSUE!

**KILL  
HIM!**

CO-STARRING:  
The **DEADLY  
BLACK  
WIDOW!**

DAREDEVIL  
MUST DIE  
**TONIGHT!**





Stan Lee  
PRESENTS: **DAREDEVIL, THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!** <sup>TM</sup>

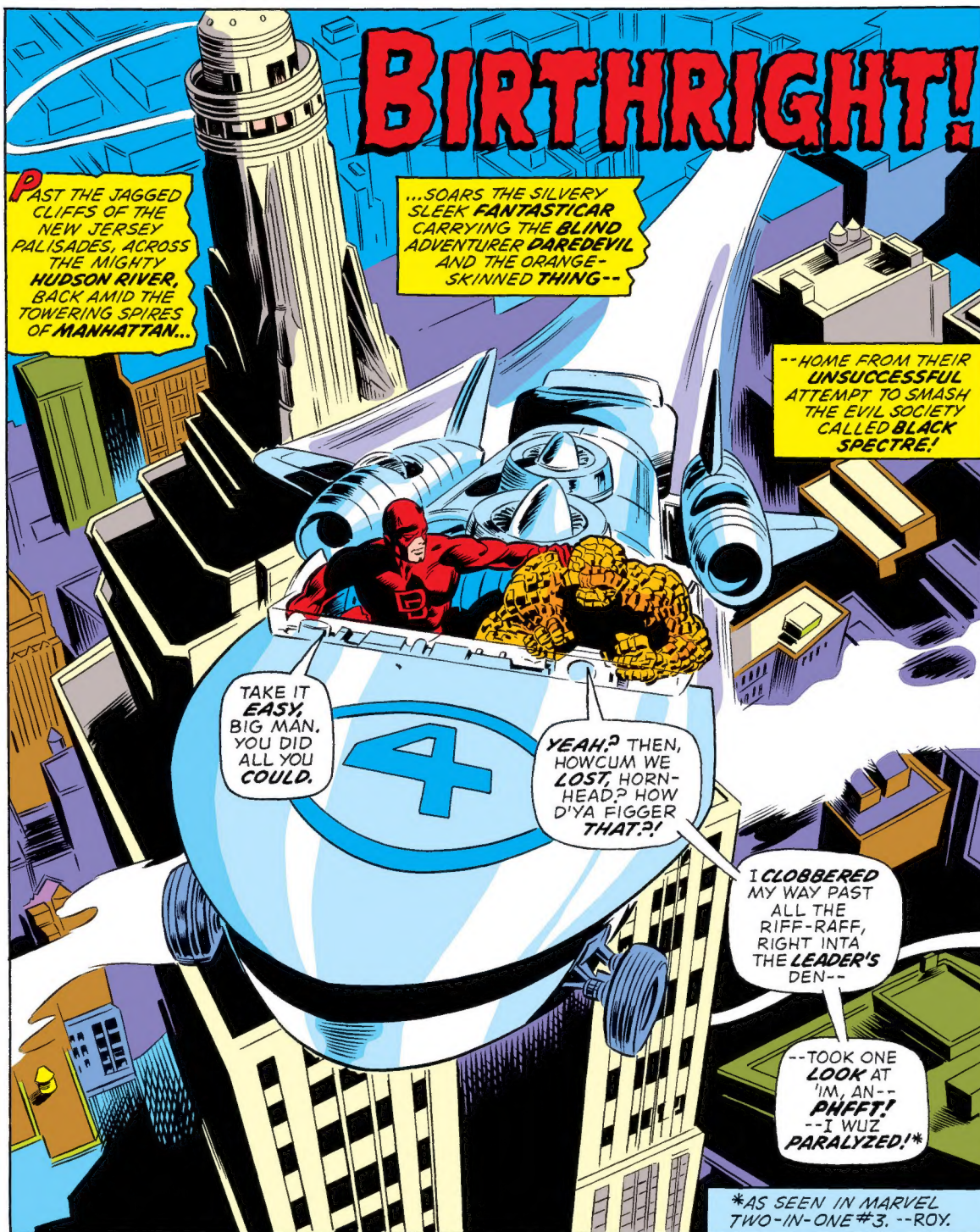
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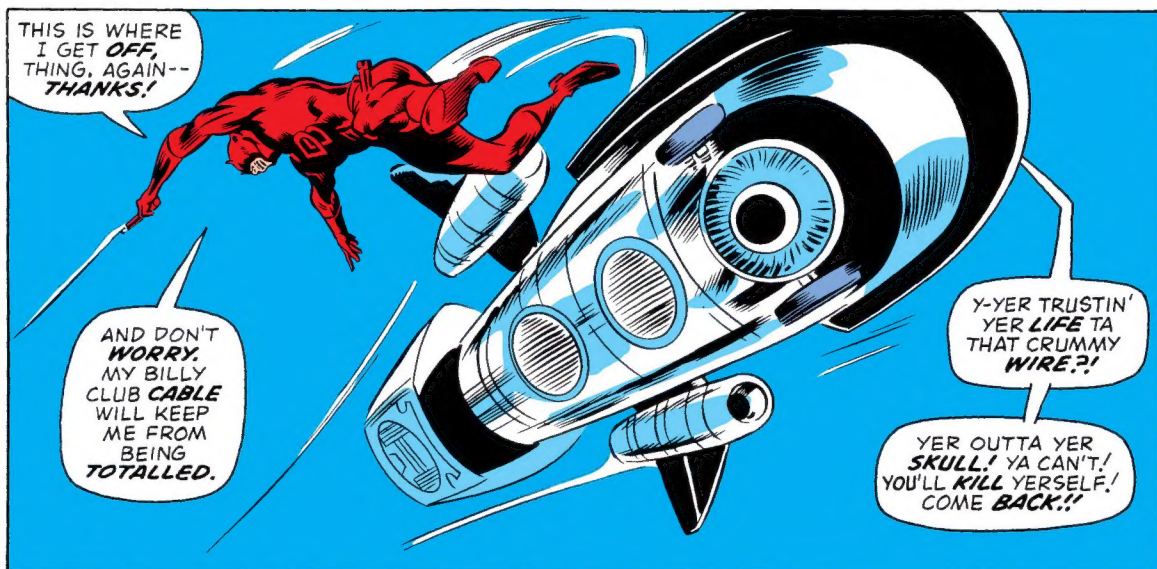
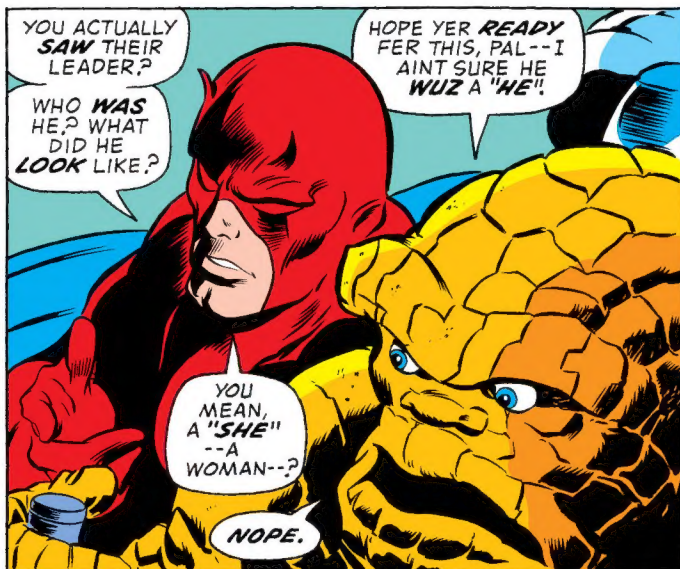
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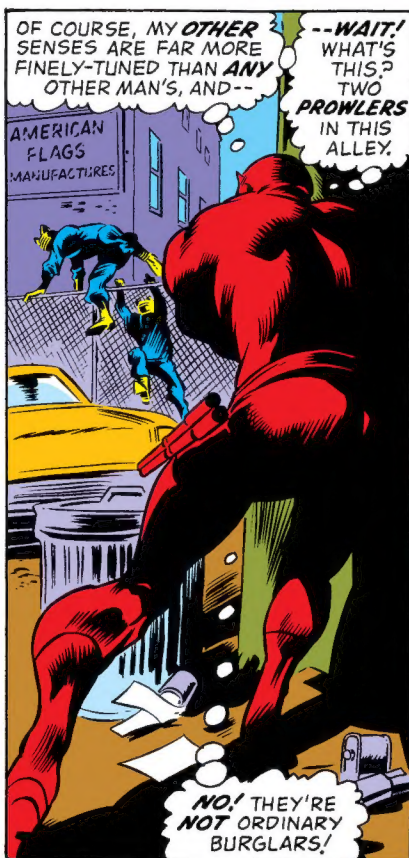
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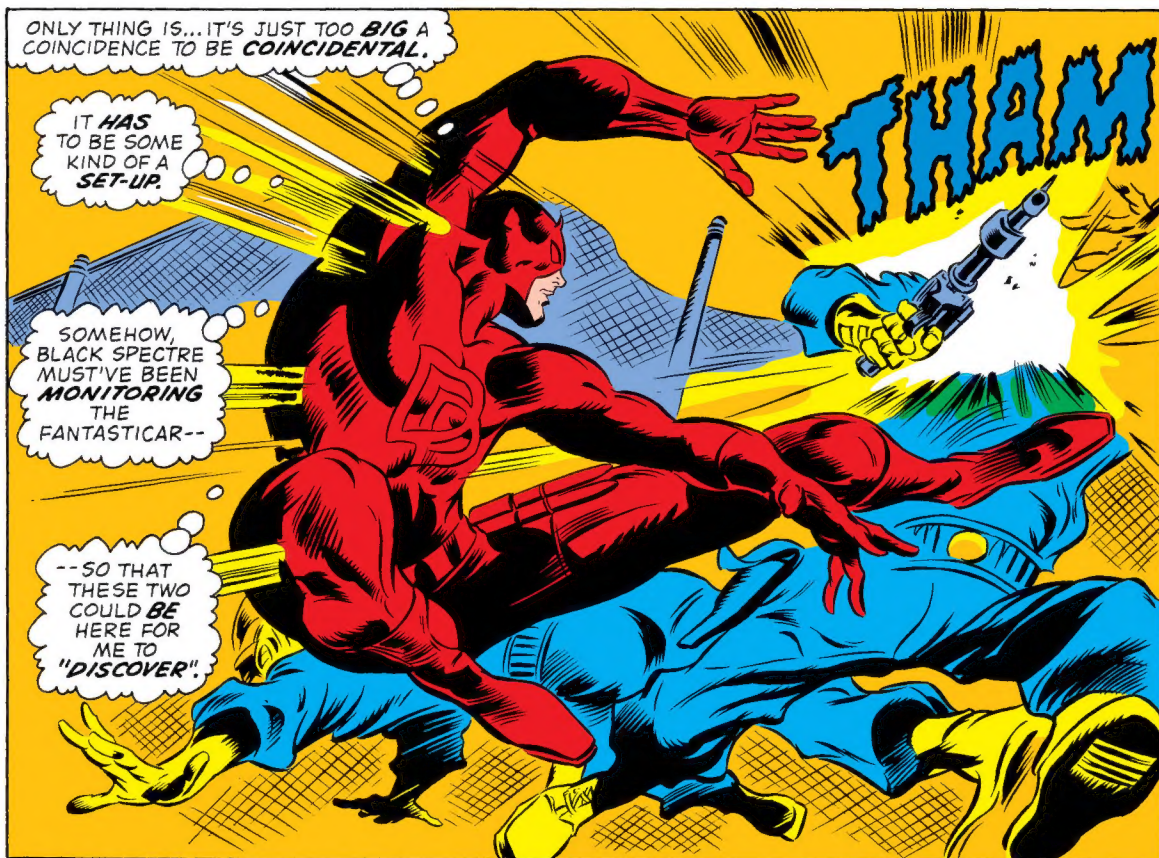














"NO...THEY'RE HUMAN. I CAN DETECT THEIR HEARTBEATS. AND AS BEFORE...

"...THOSE HEARTBEATS ARE **FASTER** THAN THEY SHOULD BE FOR MEN THEIR SIZE.

"JUST AS THE WAY THEY SWING THEIR **ARMS** ISN'T **RIGHT** FOR BIG, BURLY, BULKY, MUSCULAR TYPES.

"AND FROM THE **SOUND** THEY MAKE WHEN THEIR **FEET** HIT THE **GROUND**...

"...THEY DON'T **WEIGH** AS MUCH AS THEIR **APPEARANCE** WOULD **SUGGEST**.

"THEY **COULDN'T**-- AND STILL BE SO **LIMBER**.



"ALL OF WHICH WOULD **SEEM** TO INDICATE THAT THEIR **BULK** IS ALL IN THEIR **SUITS**!

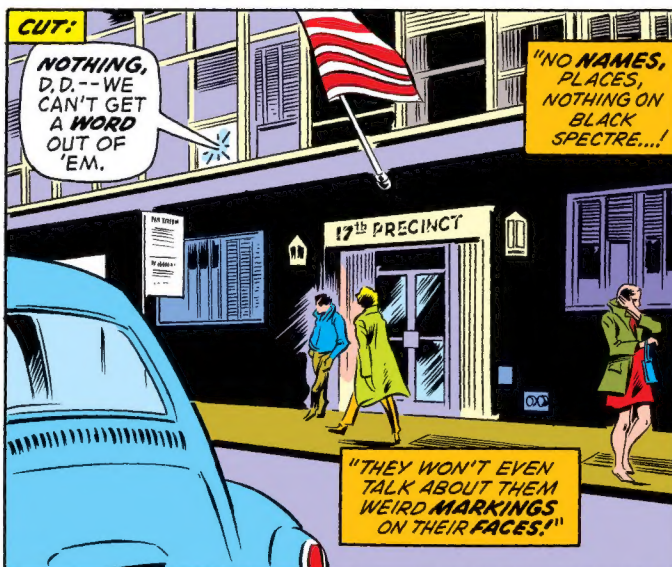


"AND THAT IF WE REMOVE THEIR **HELMETS**, WE'LL FIND--

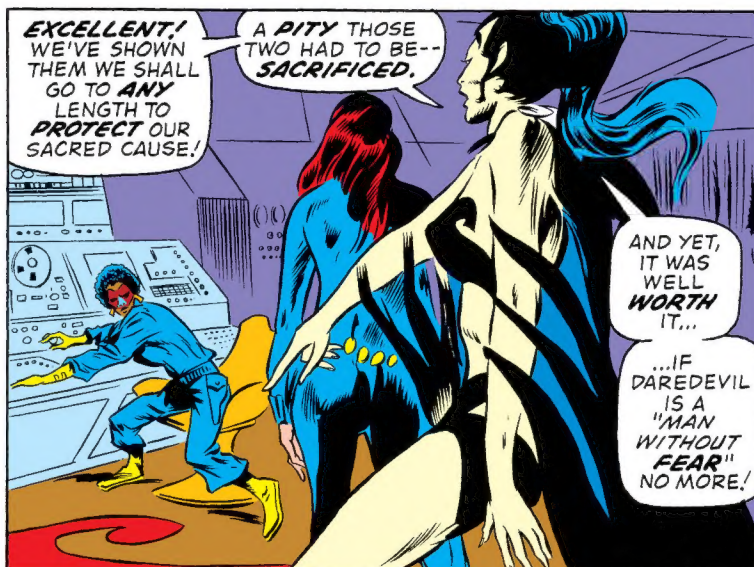
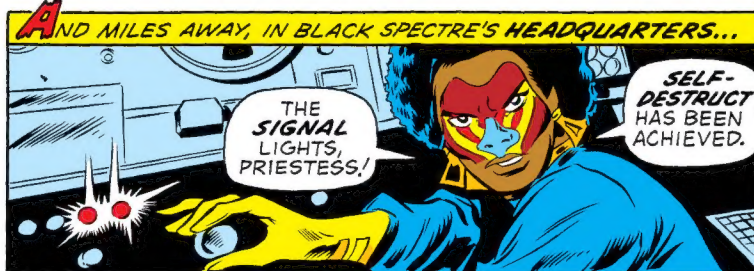


"UH-HUH. JUST AS I **SUSPECTED**-- A **WOMAN**!"

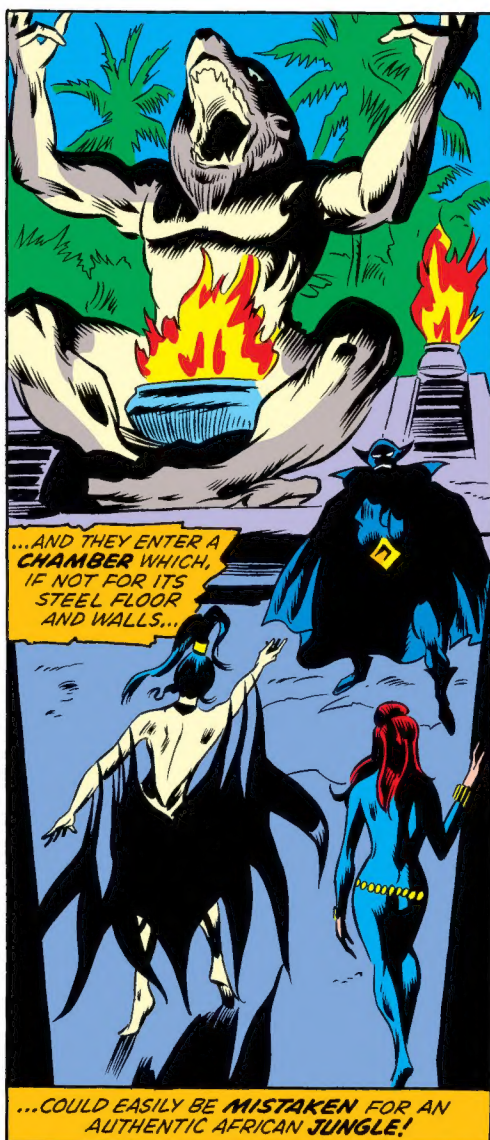
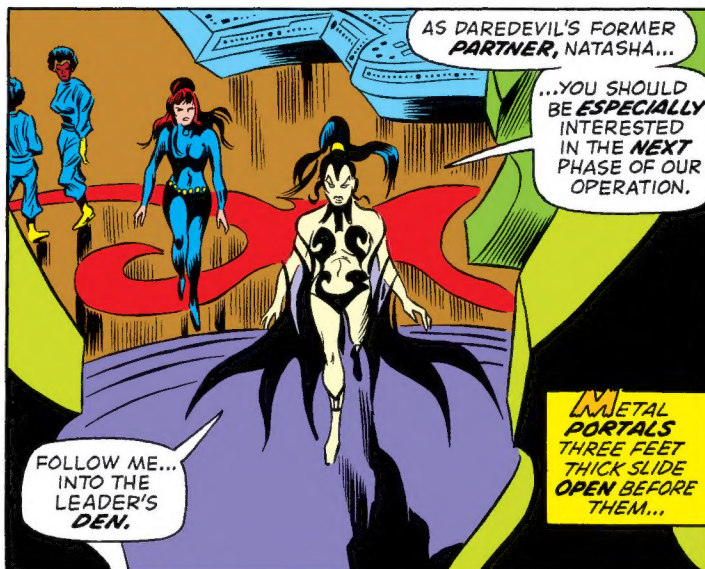




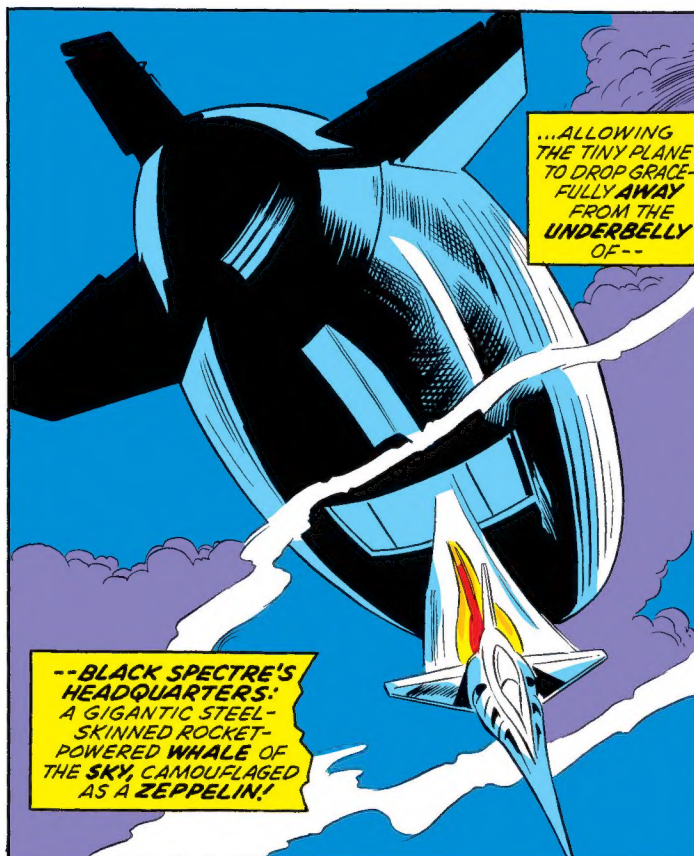
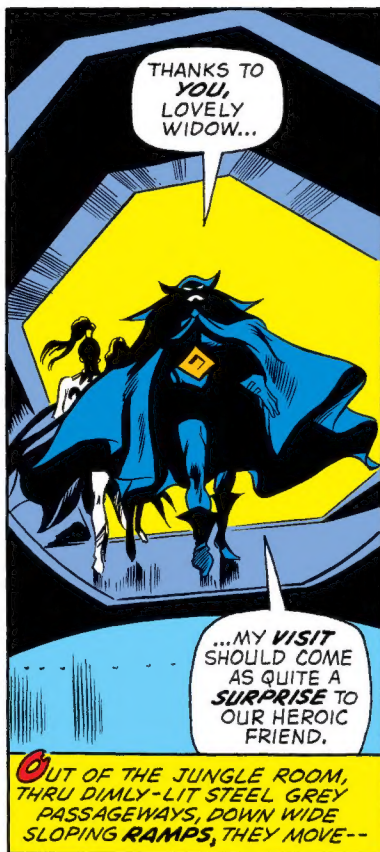
























I CAN'T BELIEVE WHAT MY RADAR SENSE IS TELLING ME!

HIS FACE... IS THAT OF AN APE! AND IT'S NOT A MASK!



I AM A **MUTANT**, DAREDEVIL -- A VICTIM OF AMERICA'S INSANE LUST TO PROGRESS **TECHNOLOGICALLY** WITHOUT CONSIDERATION FOR THE **HUMAN** FACTOR.

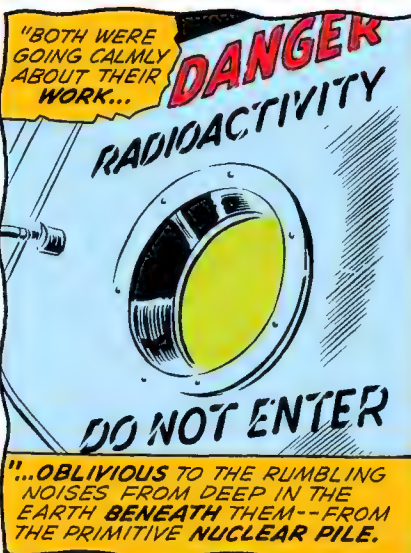
MORE, I AM THE ENGINEER OF THE **BOLDEST** EFFORT IN THE HISTORY OF **MAN**... TO **CHANGE** THE WORLD.

"LEST YOU THINK ME **MAD**, MURDOCK, ALLOW ME TO RE-LATE TO YOU MY **STORY**... A TALE WHICH BEGAN IN **NEW MEXICO** IN 1944--AT THE SITE OF ONE OF AMERICA'S **EARLIEST** ATOMIC RESEARCH FACILITIES.



"IT WAS LATE... PAST NORMAL WORK HOURS... ONLY **TWO** PERSONS WERE PRESENT."

"A **WHITE** MAN, A SCIENTIST... AND A **BLACK** WOMAN, A CLEANING LADY."

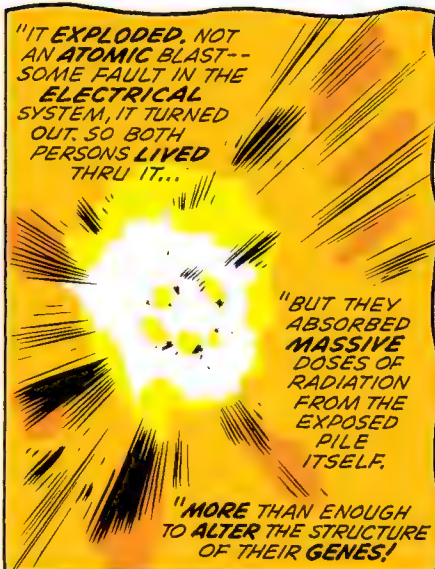


"BOTH WERE GOING CALMLY ABOUT THEIR WORK..."

**DANGER**  
RADIOACTIVITY

**DO NOT ENTER**

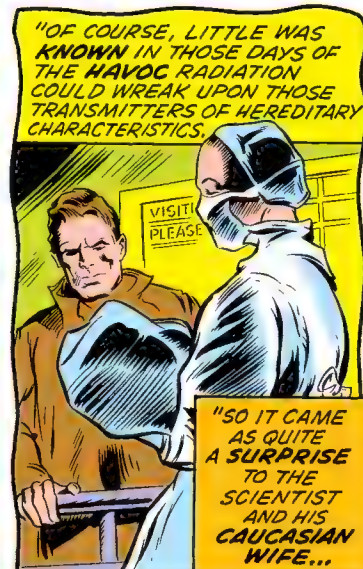
"...OBVIOUS TO THE RUMBLING NOISES FROM DEEP IN THE EARTH **BENEATH** THEM--FROM THE PRIMITIVE **NUCLEAR** PILE."



"IT **EXPLODED**. NOT AN ATOMIC BLAST--SOME FAULT IN THE **ELECTRICAL** SYSTEM, IT TURNED OUT. SO BOTH PERSONS **LIVED** THRU IT..."

"BUT THEY ABSORBED **MASSIVE** DOSES OF RADIATION FROM THE EXPOSED PILE ITSELF."

"MORE THAN ENOUGH TO **ALTER** THE STRUCTURE OF THEIR **GENES**!"



"OF COURSE, LITTLE WAS **KNOWN** IN THOSE DAYS OF THE **HAVOC** RADIATION COULD WREAK UPON THOSE TRANSMITTERS OF HEREDITARY CHARACTERISTICS."

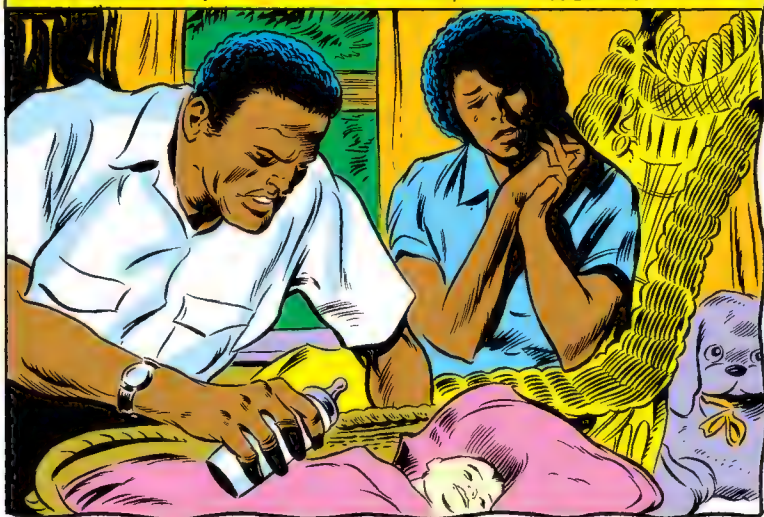
"SO IT CAME AS QUITE A **SURPRISE** TO THE SCIENTIST AND HIS **CAUCASIAN** WIFE..."



"...WHEN, ONE YEAR AFTER THE **ACCIDENT**, THEIR SON WAS BORN WITH **BLACK** SKIN AND TUFTS OF **HAIR** SPROUTING FROM HIS **TINY** BODY!"



"EQUALLY DISTRESSED WERE THE **BLACK** WOMAN AND HER **BLACK** HUSBAND WHEN, ANOTHER YEAR LATER, THEIR DAUGHTER WAS BORN...



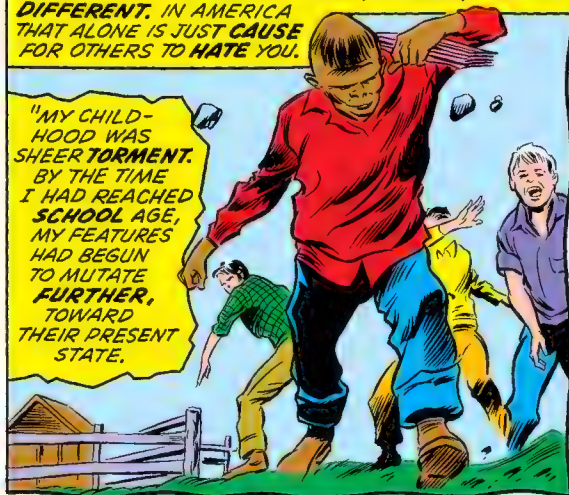
"...WITH **CHALK-WHITE** SKIN-- AND FEARSOME VAMPIRE-LIKE **FANGS!**



"THESE TWO INFANTS WERE **MY-SELF**, OF COURSE, AND MY PRIESTESS **NEKRA**.

"WE WERE PERHAPS THE FIRST AMERICAN VICTIMS OF RADIOACTIVE **MUTATION**. AND, AS SUCH, WE WERE **DIFFERENT**. IN AMERICA THAT ALONE IS JUST CAUSE FOR OTHERS TO **HATE** YOU.

"MY CHILDHOOD WAS **SHEER TORMENT**. BY THE TIME I HAD REACHED **SCHOOL** AGE, MY FEATURES HAD BEGUN TO **MUTATE FURTHER**, TOWARD THEIR PRESENT STATE.



"AS FOR **NEKRA**, HER **WHITE** SKIN MADE HER A **PARIAH**, AN OBJECT OF SCORN AMONG HER RACE, ALSO.



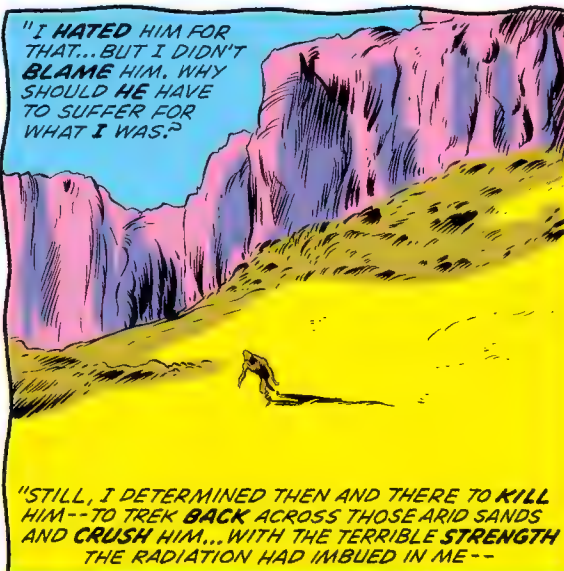
"A **BLACK WHITE** BOY AND A **WHITE BLACK** GIRL -- BOTH **OSTRACIZED**, BOTH LEARNING THE SAME **UGLY LESSON** ABOUT...**AMERICA**.

"AT **TEN**, I SUFFERED THE **ULTIMATE BLOW**. MY **PARENTS** COULD NO LONGER BEAR THE **BURDEN** MY PRESENCE PLACED UPON THEM.



"SO MY **FATHER** DROVE ME OUT INTO THE **DESERT** ONE DAY... AND **LEFT** ME THERE TO **DIE**.

"I **HATED** HIM FOR THAT... BUT I DIDN'T **BLAME** HIM. WHY SHOULD HE HAVE TO SUFFER FOR WHAT I WAS?"



"STILL, I DETERMINED THEN AND THERE TO **KILL** HIM-- TO **TREK BACK** ACROSS THOSE ARID SANDS AND **CRUSH** HIM... WITH THE **TERRIBLE STRENGTH** THE RADIATION HAD IMBUED IN ME--



"--STRENGTH I'D HAD TO **CONCEAL** FOR FEAR OF BEING **BRANDED** AS **MORE THAN A FREAK--A MONSTER!**



"THAT STRENGTH--AND MY **UNCANNY** **ENDURANCE** **SAVED** ME. I **MADE** THE **IMPOSSIBLE** JOURNEY, BUT I NEVER WENT BACK TO THAT **HATEFUL TOWN**. FOR, SCANT MILES FROM MY PARENTS' **HOME--A FATEFUL MEETING** OCCURRED.

"SHE WAS **RUNNING AWAY...** FROM THE SAME **HATRED** THAT HAD **PLAGUED ME**.

"SHE OFFERED ME **WATER--AND** THE FIRST **HONEST EMPATHY** I'D EVER KNOWN. AND WE BECAME **PARTNERS** ON THE SPOT.



"OUR **PLAN:** TO KEEP FOREVER ON THE **MOVE**. TO **PROTECT** ONE ANOTHER AND **SHUN** ALL... **HUMAN** **COMPANIONSHIP**. WE WOULD BE **GYPSIES---** **WANDERERS--AND LIVE BY OUR WITS** AND **STEALTH**.



"WE **EDUCATED** OURSELVES BY LISTENING TO LESSONS FROM **OUTSIDE** SCHOOL WALLS...AND **READING** **STOLEN BOOKS**. AND IT WENT ON THAT WAY UNTIL ONE NIGHT, **OUTSIDE A TINY MISSOURI TOWN--**



"--SOME **SIX YEARS** AFTER OUR **FIRST MEETING--**

"--WHAT WE HAD ALWAYS **DREADED** FINALLY CAME TO **PASS**. WE'D BEEN **DISCOVERED**.







I'LL BE DANGED! THE KIDS SAID THEY SAW MONSTERS OUTSIDE THE SCHOOLHOUSE!

BUT I NEVER FIGGERED--!

AN' DON'T FIGGER NOW! LET'S JUST GET 'EM!

YOU! YOU'RE THE MONSTERS! NOT US!

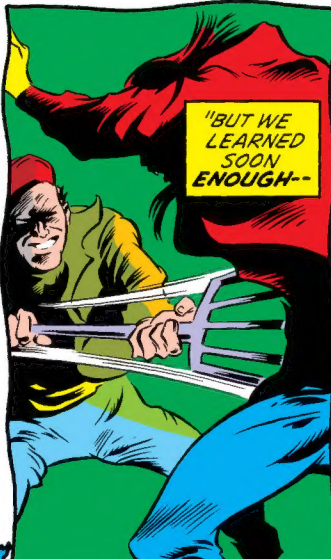
YOUR FACES, TWISTED WITH HATE--ARE UGLIER THAN OURS COULD EVER BE!

WE HATE YOU! WE--



"I WAS CERTAIN NEKRA HAD GONE MAD. NEITHER OF US KNEW WHAT WAS TRULY GOING ON WITHIN HER.

HATE!  
HATE!  
HATE!  
HATE!



"BUT WE LEARNED SOON ENOUGH--

--WHEN ONE OF OUR ATTACKERS STABBED SAVAGELY AT HER WITH A STEEL PITCHFORK!



"WE WERE AS STUNNED AS HE WAS AT THE RESULT.

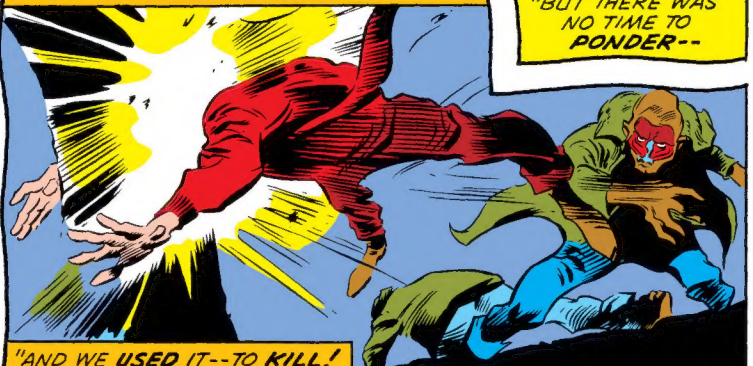


"BUT THERE WAS NO TIME TO PONDER--



--NOT WITH OUR VERY SURVIVAL AT STAKE!

"FOR THE FIRST TIME, WE UNLEASHED OUR OWN SEETHING HATRED, HATRED LOCKED WITHIN US... ALL THOSE YEARS.



"AND WE USED IT--TO KILL!





"JUST AS THEY EMPLOYED  
THEIR MOST POTENT  
WEAPONS IN AN EFFORT TO  
DESTROY US, HOWEVER, WE  
SUCCEEDED..."



"...WHERE THEY  
FAILED."

"NEKRA  
COULD  
BECOME  
VIRTUALLY  
INVULNER-  
ABLE, WE  
REASONED  
LATER, IF SHE  
COULD WORK  
UP  
SUFFICIENT--"

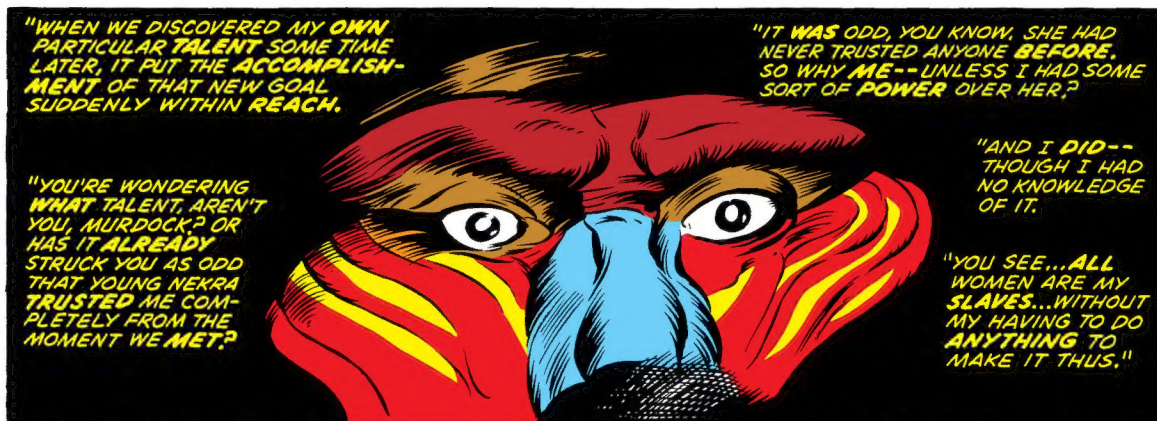


"THAT EMOTION RELEASED HER  
MUTANT POWER! AND SUDDENLY,  
WE WERE HELPLESS NO LONGER."



"IN THE TIME IT  
TOOK TO WIPE  
OUT OUR  
ASSAILANTS--"

"I HAD CONCEIVED A DARING NEW LIFE-PLAN FOR US!"



"WHEN WE DISCOVERED MY OWN  
PARTICULAR TALENT SOME TIME  
LATER, IT PUT THE ACCOMPLISH-  
MENT OF THAT NEW GOAL  
SUDDENLY WITHIN REACH."

"YOU'RE WONDERING  
WHAT TALENT, AREN'T  
YOU, MURDOCK? OR  
HAS IT ALREADY  
STRUCK YOU AS ODD  
THAT YOUNG NEKRA  
TRUSTED ME COM-  
PLETELY FROM THE  
MOMENT WE MET?"

"IT WAS ODD, YOU KNOW, SHE HAD  
NEVER TRUSTED ANYONE BEFORE.  
SO WHY ME-- UNLESS I HAD SOME  
SORT OF POWER OVER HER?"

"AND I DID--  
THOUGH I HAD  
NO KNOWLEDGE  
OF IT."

"YOU SEE... ALL  
WOMEN ARE MY  
SLAVES... WITHOUT  
MY HAVING TO DO  
ANYTHING TO  
MAKE IT THUS."







